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SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

April 25. 28

Dear Mr. Robertson,

I am enclosing a check for $26.55 in payment of amount due for the Coins I bought this afternoon. I have now enough of the U.S. Series to make a good showing when I give my lecture on Metals for Mint uses. Thanks for your kindness and trouble. I appreciate all the time you have taken with me.

Yours sincerely

Wm Campbell

Mr. Robert Robertson,
American Numismatic Society
156th St & Broadway
New York City.

MRS. WILLIAM CAMPBELL

39 CLAREMONT AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

April 28, 1928.

Prof. William Campbell,
39 Claremont Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you for the check for $ 26.85, received the other day.

Trusting to see you up here again, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator.

SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

May 9. 1928.

Dear Mr. Robertson,

I am enclosing check for $39. in payment for the Coins. I am very much obliged for the time and trouble you took with me this afternoon – the additions & my set have almost completed it and now I am ready to mount it for our Museum.

Yours Sincerely
Wm Campbell

May 11th, 1928.

Mr. William Campbell,
School of Mines,
Columbia University, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your check for $ 39.00 . Thank you very much indeed for sending it.

Very truly yours,

39 CLAREMONT AVENUE

June 3. 1928.

My dear Mr. Wood,

The aluminum numbers were a great help - worked till 10:30 last night arranging the U.S. coins in the Eglestar library and they do look very well. There are a few gaps however - and I am enclosing a list of them, so that if any come up that you dont need, you can save them for me.

My foreign coins I have arranged according to metals used i.e. Silver, Bronze, Nickel aluminum, Aluminum Bronze, Iron and Zinc. Of course I ought to have had a gold piece preferably a dollar to complete the set - but I didnt think of it till I was arranging them last night.

To complete the set I show the samples of cast bronze (East Indies) & a piece of Chinese fish money I got from one of our students — this is my weakest section, when I think of that Chinese spear & knife money you showed me & those cast pellets of Iron(?) I saw yesterday. However Rome wasn't built in a day & I think I have done quite well in the short time I have been at it, thanks to you & Mr. Roberts' kindness.

Yours Sincerely
Wm Campbell

39 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY Oct 31. 28.

Dear Mr. Wood,

This is the best I have as regards Centering, but I hope to get better copies before long.

I had a fine time last night cleaning those Seven Coins - I have them now ready to take over to the Egleston Library.

Now I am afraid I'll have to broaden out & get a few examples of Ancient Coinage - ie. Early English, Norman &c and some Byzantine.

Regards Yours Sincerely
Wm Campbell

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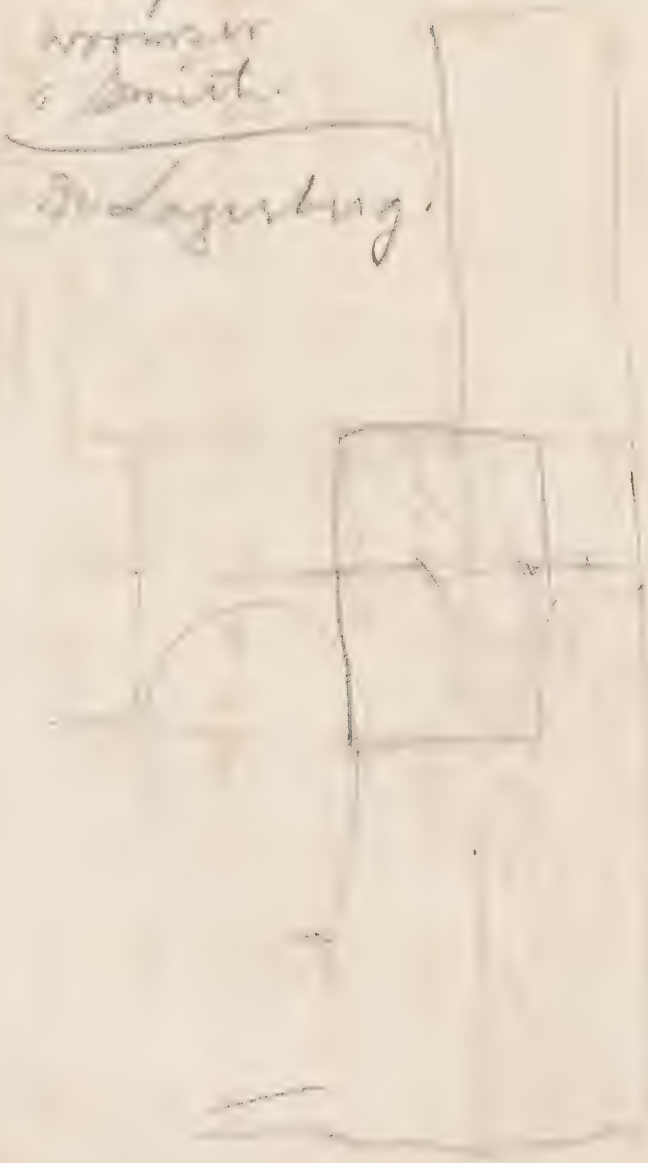

2d November, 1928

Professor William Campbell,
39 Claremont Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Campbell:

Many thanks for the Molly Pitcher stamps. So far, I had not gotten any of these. You may remember I told you the other day that I had some duplicate precancelled stamps. I am herewith enclosing some. Pick out at your leisure any or all that you might want.

Very truly yours,

SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

Dec 6. 1918.

Dear Mr. Wood.

I had hoped to get up yesterday to return the Cecchi you so kindly lent me. However I had to show a Japanese engineer over the laboratories & by the time I got through it was near 5 o'c.

I am returning the three Roman Coins. I still dont see how Mr. Newell does it. These look much better than those I bought last week, so I'd like to treat the latter in the same way.

Yours Sincerely
Wm Campbell

Regards

27th December, 1928

Professor William Campbell,
39 Claremont Avenue,
New York City

Dear Dr. Campbell:

We have been accumulating a few coins which might interest you. I shall be glad to see you any time you can come around.

Very truly yours,

Curator

39 CLAREMONT AVENUE

Dec 29. 28.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I am taking you at your work – and am enclosing some "junk". The English post mark is Ramsey - Isle of Man. The Booklet cover I enclose to make your mouth water.

I spent the whole day fixing up the Coins & getting them started in the Cells. There were half a dozen however that I just had to keep out on account of their beautiful patina & I am going to borrow them to illustrate corrosion of metals to the class. They were too good to "restore".

With best wishes for the New Year

Yours sincerely,

Wm Campbell

P.S. Isn't there some book on Roman Coins that illustrates the various emperors' heads chronologically — I get mixed up with all the various Antonines Pius' + Constantine's — and then most of the junk I have is second rate + I have to guess at the inscription. As a matter of fact all I want is one of each emperor either silver or brass. For the Republican Series I don't even know what I ought to have or rather get, to illustrate this period. Perhaps you can advise me next time I come up.

2d January, 1929

Professor William Campbell,
39 Claremont Avenue, New York City

Dear Dr. Campbell:

Many thanks for the meter stamps and the United States Naval Commission cancellation. I am more than pleased to get all of these. I am also glad of the Isle of Man cancellation, as I did not have it.

I am looking for a nice Welsh cancellation with a good Welsh name on it.

Is the cancellation on the 9d on the parcel post label of any particular import? I can not make it out.

Keep any of those coins that you wish to show patination; you are welcome to them.

Guttag Brothers have a few Irish proof sets that they sell for $3.50. They have only a few sets, so if you want one you had better act quickly. They have, however, a number of sets for regular circulation, for which they are asking $2.50.

Very truly yours,

Curator

12th January, 1929

Professor William Campbell
New York City

Dear Professor Campbell:

I beg to thank you for the envelope and stamps you sent me the other day. I hope to see you up here again before very long. We, however, have nothing new to show you.

Very truly yours,

1st March, 1929

Professor William Campbell,
School of Mines,
Columbia University

Dear Professor Campbell:

Many thanks for the new commemorative stamp and the air-mail envelopes. I was on the point of sending you some of the new commemoratives, but you got ahead of me.

Very truly yours,

SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

June 5. 1929.

Dear Mr. Wood

This is a first day Cover and may turn out to be a good one.

The Coins are about ready to take out of the cells so I'll bring them up shortly.

Regards

Yours Sincerely

Wm Campbell

10th June, 1929

Professor William Campbell,
Columbia University

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Many thanks for the Edison cover. I shall be glad to see you whenever you are ready. I am taking for the most part Thursdays and Saturdays off for the rest of the summer but will be here the first three days of the week.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. Here are couple of more coins (?)
Obv Rev 2+

SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

Oct 25. 1929.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I have examined about half of the coins you gave me this afternoon and was surprised to find that in the bag there were (1) Egyptian amulets & those in the box (2) bits which had been cleaned were bright and metallic (3) Roman, most of which were badly worn down & the design not distinguishable and from which very little can be expected. The box contained both Egyptian & Roman (Constantine ?), many of the former being good but most of the latter poor. Regards Yours sincerely W. Campbell

Nov. 1, 1929

Prof. William Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Professor Campbell:

I have been away most of the week end and just back to-day. Many thanks for the [illegible] stamps. I knew there were coins in the bag similar to those in the box; nevertheless, they came from a different find, or were said to have done so. I did not know any had been cleaned, but generally in the center of a hoard there are coins that are not, or very little encrusted. I do not remember at all about the badly worn Roman coins.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

Feb 7. 1930.

Dear Mr. Wood,

The man who is the authority on plating is Mr. Geo. B. Hogaboom, 557 Stanley St. New Britain, Conn. He knows all about your problem + is quite interested. His firm supplies large scale outfits, but for Scientific Research they have, I understand, occasionally made up small units such as you would want. I wish you could meet Mr. Hogaboom for he could give you most valuable assistance + advice.

Hope to get up with the first batch of "restos" soon. Also some duplicates for Mr Robertson's bargain

Counter. I hope he has something I need by now. I want a 1929 dollar & 50¢ but suppose I'll have to write the Treasury for them.

Sees a letter from my birthplace.

Regards

Yours Sincerely

Wm Campbell

P.S. This envelope Cat. 1¢ cut square. They are very hard to save it entire

I fill all the dup ms at Doane's last Sale – $2.50. Got a lot of British Colonial Silver here

39 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

March 18. 1930

Dear Mr. Wood,

I have just received a few Welsh postmarks that you said you would like. I know they are not very good but I hope to get a better lot shortly.

I have been so busy that I haven't had a chance to get up to see you. The Coins are still going along slowly — about half of them are done, which I will bring up to you shortly.

Regards to Mrs. Newell & Mr Robertson.

Yours Sincerely,

W. Campbell

March 20, 1930

Professor W. Campbell
39 Claremont Avenue
New York City

Dear Professor Campbell:

Many thanks for the bounteous collection of Welsh postmarks and meter stamps. I shall be glad to see you any time you get a chance to come up here. I am enclosing two stamps from Lundy's Isle. I trust I have dug up something new for you. There is something like forty people on the island,(off the Bristol Channel) and how or what and why they use them for, I do not know. A London merchant owns the island and he has issued tokens of the denomination of puffins and halr-puffins. Probably he expects to make enough from collectors to run his island.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

June 12,1930

Professor William Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University, New York

Dear Professor Campbell:

I suppose you are just getting over the wind-up of college. I trust that you will begin to have some free days so that we can see you once again. If that big lot of coins is ready and you will let me know, I will have our man call for them.

Hoping to see you very soon,

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

July 2. 1930.

Dear Mr. Wood.

I had hoped to get up & see you this afternoon, but the weather is a trifle warm & I don't feel quite up to scratch, so I am sending the following by Mr. Dealise my assistant.

1. The 4 poor coins from lot 1, which I have photographed.
2. One "patch" of badly corroded stuck together.
3. about a dozen small & four of the larger Hunnic ones which I think are done. These form lot 1.
4. Two Silver coins for Mr. Newell. These ought to be cleaned while the skin of deposit is still comparatively soft.
5. A letter from Lieutenant Hines one of my old Navy students, together with ten of these Roman Coins. Will you please look them over and tell me if such material is worth 75 cents each. I doubt it!

Sorry to bother you in this way but I want to send an answer by return mail.

Regards

Sincerely Yours Campbell

Oct. 17,1930

Professor William Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University, New York City

Dear Professor Campbell:

Could we beg, borrow or steal some specimens of gold, silver and copper ore for exhibition purposes? Also, if you have the time, I would like tomcome down to see y u sometime next eek, and I have a few things to bring to you.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

Dec. 12,1930

Professor Wm. Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University, New York City

Dear Professor Campbell:

I am herewith returning your little silver groat which happens to be of Henry VII.

We have written to the mint for two sets of U. S. coins struck in 1930. The Philadelphia Mint made only quarters, dimes, nickels and one-cent pieces; the Denver Mint made one-cent pieces only, and the San Francisco Mint made double eagles, eagles, quarters, dimes, nickels and one-cent pieces. Unless you want a complete set from all Mints, I will order for you those made in San Francisco, which, with the postage, will make a little over $30.50. If you want specimens from all the Mints, the price will be a little over $31.00.

The last issue of the Numismatischer Zeitschrift, published in Vienna, contains a short account of the findings of someone over there who has been investigating ancient plated coins. I have not read it. The next time you are here I will get this number out for you.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL
39 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Dec 15. 1920.

Dear Mr. Wood.

Very many thanks for the Henry VII groat. I have it want an Edward penny.

As for the new U.S. Coinage, I'd like specimens from all the mints to make a showing in our museum after New Year.

I am hard at work on the old plated coins & my last micrographs are even better than those you saw last Saturday. I am taking some new ones at 500 dias which are really good. As soon as I get a free afternoon will come up & you & bring a few odd ones & stamps, but I'd like to come when Mrs. Lowell & then & there is where this work I've done will be explained to you.

I am enclosing a pair of the new Japanese Kamps. They are certainly odd.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Wm Campbell

Enjoyed your little visit but next time please come to lunch!

This envelope is "Dec C. 1921 Wm. Rig B."

December 16,1930

Professor William Campbell

39 Claremont Avenue

New York City

Dear Professor Campbell:

I will order for you a complete set of the U. S. coins from all mints.

I am glad to know that your last micrographs have turned out so well. Mr. Newell is now living in town and is liable to be in every day.

Many thanks for the new Japanese stamps. I had not seen them before.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

January, 2nd 1931

Professor William Campbell

School of Mines

Columbia University, New York City

Dear Professor Campbell:

I am to-day sending you by registered mail, the following pieces from the various mints, struck for the year 1930.

Denver -	one one-cent piece	.01
Phila. -	quarter, dime, nickel, one-cent piece	.41
San Francisco -	double eagle, eagle, quarter, dime, nickel, one-cent piece	30.41
		30.83

This sum plus postage and registration amounts to $31.24. This does not include postage costs of forwarding the pieces to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

June 1, 1931

Prof. Wm. Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from one of the seminaries at Yale asking about cleaning coins by electrolysis and I am a little hazy on what to tell them. You can either write to Prof. A. R. Bellinger or to me and I will transmit the news.

The question as follows: He says they use a 1 ampere per 22 square inches in a 2% caustic solution. They want to confirm if this is right - too weak or too strong. Also they want to know if the coins are put in a wire bag or hitched on separately. This question we can easily answer by saying that you put in a wire bag if you want.

We have some curious coins here, counterfits made by the Japanese of Russian coins, said to be made of bismuth. I would like to show them to you sometime. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

WW:JG

Curator

SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

June 2, 1931

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 155th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood

Replying to yours of yesterday, I will write to Professor Bellinger and tell him all I know about restoring coins electrolytically.

I have been so busy this past month that I have been unable to get up to see you. Dr. Robinson left a number of both Roman and Persian counterfeits with me and I have been examining them. I hope to finish this work during the next ten days and then bring these coins up so that some of you can give me a proper description.

With best wishes and regards,

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Campbell

Wm. Campbell

WC:Z

September 12, 1931.

Prof. William Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

After you left I did some gum shoe work and located the missing paper and coins. Newell had inadvertently laid them down in the front reading room where he evidently went after leaving me the other day when I gave them to him, so that you need not bother to send photographs.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

Sept 30. 31.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Can you give me a description & date for these three plated coins so that I can add them to my other descriptions? The sooner I can get it the better

Regards

Yours Sincerely

W. Campbell

October 19, 1931.

Prof. William Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

Prof. Bonner of the University of Michigan has just written me again concerning that bunch of coins Mr. Newell handed to you sometime ago. He seemed anxious as to when they would be ready. Could you let me know about whey they will be done so I can drop him a line?

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

February 10, 1932.

Prof. William Campbell
School of Mines
Colubbia University
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

I have taken from exhibition the set of coins of the Vatican City and if you still want them you can have them.

The main object of my letter, however, is this. I have noticed on that lot of coins I have been working on, the silver wire pieces that I showed you the last time you were up here, that some of the impressions seem to have been made from dies not cut but apparently etched. The dies are very shallow and very flat and the lettering and designs have very ragged edges. They do not lookeat all like cut work. Have you any knowledge or record that the silver smiths in India or Ceylon in the sixteenth and seventeenth century could have made dies by this method? Did they have the acid to do it with, etc.,?

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

April 11, 1932.

Prof. William Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

I have just received to sell for one of our members three Swedish plate coins. You may remember these are large slabs of copper. One is for one daler, another is for two dalers and the third is a four daler piece. If you haven't examples of these you ought to have them. The price should average from $10.00 to $15.00 each.

Very truly yours,

HM:JC

Curator

April 13, 1932.

Prof. William Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

I have read with much interest your examination of the Ceylon wire coin. It shows absolutely that they drew the plated wire and made them as a regular thing. In ordinary silver wire did they draw it hot or cold or did they draw it both ways? I forgot to weigh the piece before I gave it to you and if by chance you did I would like to know its weight as I suppose now it is somewhat lighter. If I remember right this piece had stamped on it the same die as was used on some made in good silver. The next time you come up I would like to have you bring the piece, as I am now cataloguing these coins. It is really remarkable the uniformity of the weight of these. The average weight of the whole find is virtually correct. There were three pieces with the same stamp that were about two-thirds of the weight of the others. This was the only example of light weight. Unless you think otherwise I would say the silversmith had made this fake piece, probably dipping the copper ingot into some molten silver.

I have just heard from the owner of the Swedish plate coins and he says to sell the pieces for at least the prices I have put on them. As I said over the phone I will not be in Thursday.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

Curator

SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

June 8, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood

In reply to your inquiry I find that the General Electric manufactures a rectifier, "Tungar", while a similar instrument is manufactured by the Westinghouse Company under the name of "Rectigon."

Dr. Fink of the Electrochemical department, Columbia University, informs me that he has a young man available for the installation work you require and that the usual compensation is $1 per hour. If you will get in touch with Dr. Fink here at Columbia, - University 4 - 3200, Extension 64, - he will make the necessary arrangements direct.

I am enclosing copy in duplicate of the report covering the microstructure of the sample of Ceylon wire money, Larin, #141, which shows it to be an alloy of copper and silver, approximately 50% and not the usual pure silver.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Campbell

WC:Z
Enclosures

12 copies

June 11, 1932.

Prof. Wm. Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

I wish to thank you for the report on the larin which I have read with much interest. Certainly the structure was much changed on the bent part. I will get in touch with Dr. Fink very shortly.

Very truly yours,

H.:JG

Curator

July 7, 1932.

Prof. William Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

I have just received your check for $6.00 covering the balance on the Swedish plate piece. Anytime the spirit moves you I would like to have you come up.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

39 Claremont Ave

Columbia University
in the City of New York
SCHOOL OF MINES

May 14. 1933. LOCAL

Dear Mr. Wood,

For my exhibit in the School of Mines Library, I current a few gold coins of U.S. viz:- the $3. the dollar #2 of the Dedt Cat. and three special dollars from the Louisiana Purchase 1903 & the Resquicent 1926. To fill in my set of Commemoratives, I want one Lafayette dollar & the following $½'s Panama Pacific. Missouri (two), Vancouver & Bennington. Is there any chance of your having any for sale in the next 6 mos. or shall I attempt to buy them: if so, where?

Next, I'm getting up a case of Chinese Cash. Several years ago you sold me two sets on Card & quite a lot of odd ones which you had in packets. Of course I have more than enough for a good showing. There is a big gap however from Wang Mang AD 9-23 upto Ta Chi 502-550. And I have only a couple (Pan Liang & Wu Ti) dating B.C.

Have you any of these missing ones for disposal?

Some years ago in a big lot I purchased from you, there was some Cast coins - on one side the other some Arabic & a date thus: (1209). as I remember they were Market Morocco - just what right? Its label them? I Come they were cast in strips like Chinese Cash.

I was glad to hear you were back on the job again & that everything went so well.

Regards & best wishes

Yours truly
Campbell

P.S.

There is a small fort on my street with his
name on it 25 - full account to follow what it is
Martin - must walk me, as I make for!

Norfolk &

25

Virginia
June 1 [illegible]

The Indian Fall Dam Bridge Company
will pay Twenty-Five Cents a Share in cash
Virginia bonds, [illegible] presents in lieu of Cash

[illegible]

M. [illegible]
For the Company

May 17, 1933.

Prof. William Campbell
39 Claremont Avenue
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

As I told you over the telephone we have got none of the United States coins that you wish but you might write to some of the following and get them to quote prices:

John Zug
Bowie, Maryland.

Ambrose J. Brown
8 Elm St.
Marblehead, Mass.

Koin-X9Change Shop
35 S. Dearborn St.
Chicago, Illinois.

A. French
121 Whitehall Blvd.
Garden City, N. Y.

Norman Schultz
Box 746
Salt Lake City, Utah.

John B. Boss
1127 Spruce St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

The reason why you have a gap in your Chinese coins between the time of Wang Mang and the Tang dynasty 681 A. D. is because very few distinctive coins were issued. The Wu Tchu coins were revived and used for several centuries. This is the coin that has on one side that looks like an hour glass. Then came the period of the three kingdoms and sixteen kingdoms and China was in more or less a state of anarchy. Some of the rulers issued coins but today most of them are extremely rare and worth many dollars each. In fact, most of them I have never seen. Your coins probably began with, when the coins were become plentiful again.

The easiest way of finding the Mohammedan date in our era is as follows: From the Mohammedan date deduct 3% and add 622. Another way which amounts to about the same thing but is a little more exact is, multiply by 97 and add 621.84. I think this answers all of your questions.

Very truly yours,

W:JG

Curator

June 13, 1933.

Prof. William Campbell
39 ~~80~~ Claremont Avenue
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

Please pardon the ~~deâày~~ delay in acknowledging the coins that came up the other day. I have not had a chance to look these over but you can have almost anything in order 2 that you might want. The BWA lot are not ~~with~~ ours and although of no great value I can't tell much about these yet awhile.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

June 30, 1933.

Prof. William Campbell
39 Claremont Avenue
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

I have picked out a lot of the hoard two coins which you can have. Also, I have picked out a number of coins showing various kinds of patination which you can experiment with but as they are all coins either from our collection or which probably will go into our collection I would like them cleaned as well as possible. They are as follows:

B. W. Arnold lot. . . . . 28 pieces
Some of these have a slight wash of silver on them.

Korean coins . . . . . 10 pieces
These have a medium hard green patination with some white spots and in a few instances the bronze disease has gotten into them.

Toledo lotefrom Manchuria . . . 14 pieces
These are but slightly corroded and have soft clay adhering to them. I am sending these down simply because they would probably be extremely easy to do.

Gookin lot . . . . . 15 pieces
These have all sorts of patinations and dirt. They might require several kinds of treatment.

Morgan lot . . . . . 8 pieces
Mostly in pretty bad shape.

Gampola lot form Ceylon . . . . . 27 pieces
All have a hard green patination but ought to respond beautifully to treatment.

Miscellaneous lot . . . . . 20 pieces
From various places - these probably will give you a good deal of fun.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM CAMPBELL
39 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK

Sept 29. 1933

Dear Mr. Wood.

One of my friends found the enclosed on the sidewalk & asked me what it was and I didnt know. Will you tell me?

I had 2 weeks in the Catskills at Margaretville & it rained about 10 days. Came home Monday & I brought the warm weather with me.

Regards best wishes,

Sincerely

Wm Campbell

September 30, 1933.

Prof. William Campbell
30 Claremont Avenue
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

The piece you enclose and which I am returning is not a coin but an ornament made to sew on Oriental goods or to be used as spangles on dresses. They are known in the millinery trade as dostumes.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

February 14, 1934.

Prof. William Campbell
39 Claremont Avenue
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

Outside of gold, which cannot be purchased, the United States coined for 1933 half dollars at the San Francisco mint and one cent pieces at the Philadelphia and Denver mints. In other words, fifty-two cents worth. You would have to send down fifteen cents for registration fee and I should think about six cents or possibly nine cents for postage.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

March 17, 1934.

Prof. William Campbell
39 Claremont Avenue
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

I am sending herewith half of the Tiberius coin No. 65. The other half I think you have in the fusible alloy.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

SCHOOL OF MINES

Columbia University
in the City of New York

October 19, 1934.

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have run down the references covering coins of the German Silver type and am enclosing a copy thereof. In addition, I am sending a list of some notable brass coins, most of them recent, which I hope may be of interest.

In regard to the Junk Dollar, I am sorry but I forgot the gentleman's name. The date, of course, is 1929,* according to the British mint, and the fineness is 890. Next time I call you up I will get the name of whatever general this is.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Campbell

WC:Z

*Dr. Read tells me there were two different dates viz 1932 & 1933. & he reads diviez!

October 24, 1934.

Prof. William Campbell
School of Mines
Columbia University
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

Many thanks for the list of German silver and brass coins that you sent. Up to date no one has been downtown and we have not been able to find any of your wants. In fact, some of them we want ourselves! I am enclosing a list on the articles of the coinage of Edward, I,II and III. Some of these numismatic magazines may be in Columbia library. If you want to use them here you can. Don't lose the list as I did not make a copy.

The portrait on the obverse of the Junk dollar is Sun Yat Sen. The date of the two pieces I sold you is 1933 and 1934. The 1929 issue was patterns. These were struck at the Shanghai mint and are the regular authorized dollars for China. The official designation is Shanghai dollar. I am enclosing a check for $3.00 which will close up our previous transactions and we can now start afresh. This check was made out when you telephoned me.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

WILLIAM CAMPBELL
39 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
UNIVERSITY 4-6142

Jan 11. 1935.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Look at Bro' Aethelred's face & his "fish eye" that someone has scrapped in his ugly mug & tell me, should I send it back & ask for an "untouched" specimen.

We now got a want list of English one & anything of Ed III. Rich II Henry IV. V VI Ed V & Rich III – also some recent junk Geo IV & Ed VII half thirds & quarter farthings – which I'll send & Sandy & then will have as good a showing of English Types as Shaw & M's. Which causes quite a good deal of interest among the students.

Jim Going to try & get up to the meeting tomorrow — but it may not be a try after all.

Regards Best wishes

Yours

Wm Campbell.

January 12, 1935.

Prof. William Campbell
39 Claremont Avenue
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

Your coin of Aethelred II is absolutely all right and untouched. Even the dents on the back are in the die. If fact, you have a very good specimen. I will admit that it does look fishy around the eye but this is the way the die was cut.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

Curator

WILLIAM CAMPBELL
39 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
UNIVERSITY 4-6142

March 5. 1935

Dear Mr. Wood.

Please look over this Denarius & tell me ① Name & date ② is it a counterfeit. It certainly has all the earmarks of a casting. Having heard your opinion I'll cut it up & show the "cast" structure of the metal.

Regards Best wishes

Sincerely

Wm Campbell

P.S. I have a want list of English Coins a mile long, including farthings & ½ farthings - haven't you any for sale?

March 6, 1935.

Prof. William Campbell
39 Claremont Avenue
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

Your coin is a casting - there is no doubt about it. Therefore you can cut it up with perfect impunity. We have just now mnt a single English coin in duplicate. I have a couple of Texas half dollars and a couple of Daniel Boone 1935's at $1.15 each. The 1934's have already gone up in value to $2.00, as only a few thousand were made.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Weight in air = 7.6270 gms.

Sp. Gr. = 4.67

Dear Mr. Wright.

What's this metal?

It ought to be a silver alloy hardened with Copper, but it's too light even if all the copper were Cu_2O (?)

Regards

Wm Campbell

WILLIAM CAMPBELL
39 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
UNIVERSITY 4-6142

July 26. 1935

Dear Mr. Wood,

I "fed" I owe you $2.20 for two Common ½ dollars. Here it is. If I have already paid – apply it to the next 2.

That "curious" Ptolemy ~~xxx~~ silver with a Sp. Gr. of 4.96 we cut in two & found a fine core of about 40 silver to copper surrounded by a "zone" of silver "sponge" some containing Copper oxide but mostly just sponge ~~Cop~~ silver, the copper having been corroded away. Most interesting!

What were those other two similarly light ones you sent down? If you are not sure – the other a boat anchor said.

Can't remember. I'll send photos—
I'll have to cut them in two, which
hurts me, to examine them after
I have determined their Sp. Gr.
This past three weeks have been
very busy — but most of the time I
have stayed home & worked at my
desk.

Best wishes & regards

Yours Sincerely

Wm Campbell

I have some Cl. nickels for you — they
are worn thin, but as soon as they are
delivered I'll send them along.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL
39 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
UNIVERSITY 4-6142

Nov 10. 1935.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Very many thanks for the Coinage #1/2 for which check enclosed. any chance of getting me of the Sudan?

I also received the Swollen Sodium from Dura. Please tell me how they have been treated

One seems to be as received

Two Sod-Tartarate ? silver flanges on C/Per

Three .. all c/per

Four .. + acid.. all silver no c/per

This will be a fine series left to Study

Regards to everyone

Yours

Wm Campbell

November 13, 1935.

Prof. William Campbell
39 Claremont Avenue
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

Many thanks for the check. As for the pieces from Dura I hardly looked at them when Pellinger gave them to me so do not know whether they have been treated or not. He simply turned them over to me saying you might like to experiment with them.

I think it a shame the way the government still gets out their stamps. I have bought two sheets of the Michigan Centennials and havenot found a perfectly centered copy yet. I have talked with others and they say it is extremely hard to get them well centered.

Sincerely yours,

HP:JG

Curator

December 3, 1935.

Prof. William Campbell
39 Claremont Ave.
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

I have been away the past week and have just gotten back. Nothing new to report and I have not been able to locate any Hudson half dollars under $5.00. Many thanks for the two pairs of well-centered stamps. Instead of improving the government seems to be getting worse and worse with each issue they get out. Trusting to see you later, I remain

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

March 14, 1936.

Prof. William Campbell
39 Claremont Avenue
New York City.

Dear Prof. Campbell:

I have just got the 1936 Daniel Boone Philadelphia mint, the 1936 Arkansas Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, both of these are of the same type as the 1935's; also the new Rhode Island from Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. Let me know what ones you want of these. They are $1.10 each.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

April 21, 1936

Prof. William Campbell,
School of Mines,
Columbia University,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Professor Campbell:

Although they may not be rare and we may have some extra copies, I am enclosing a subscription blank for the Long Island Tercentenary Half Dollar in case you want to order some independently.

I would advise you to write to Mr. Thomas G. Melish, 612 United Bank Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, and have your name placed on the preferred list for the Cincinnati Musical Center Commemorative Coin, of which there probably will be three varieties, Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. Melish is also handling the Cleveland Centennial Commemorative Coin. I understand there will only be one of these.

I would order these for you but only one each is allowed to a person.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

May 15, 1936

Professor Wm. Campbell,
School of Mines,
Columbia University,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Professor Campbell:

I have just ordered several sets of Cleveland half dollars and included two for you. If you have already ordered these we can easily use the two pieces.

I have also ordered two sets for you of the Wisconsin Centennial.

Very truly yours,

Curator

RT ks

WILLIAM CAMPBELL
39 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
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May 18. 1936.

Dear Mr. Wood,

It was very kind of you to order me the two sets – Cleveland & Wisconsin Centennial gold dollars. As you guess, I want a pair of each Commemorative to send for our little exhibits.

We are in the midst of our exams but so soon as they are over I hope to get time to come up & see you all.

Best wishes regards

Yours sincerely
Wm Campbell

July 30, 1936

Professor William Campbell,
School of Mines,
Columbia University,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Professor Campbell:

If you want the New Rochelle Commemorative coins which will be out sometime at $2.00 each, you will have to write to the New Rochelle Commemorative Coin Committee, P. [illegible]ton, Chairman, Box [illegible], New Rochelle, as they are now accepting paid orders and are - [illegible]arently limiting the orders to five coins each and I have already exceeded our limit.

One coin will cost, with postage and registry, $2.18, two coins $4.21.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

August 26, 1936

Professor William Campbell,
% Mrs. Bennett,
Margaretville, N. Y.

Dear Professor Campbell:

Mr. Robertson asked me to let you know just the status of the souvenir half dollars we have gotten for you.

I have here the San Diego International Exposition in California, 1936, Denver Mint. You already have the one for 1935. Also two Cleveland half dollars, two Long Island half dollars, two Wisconsin half dollars and two York County half dollars. If you want any more Long Island coins, I am enclosing application blank.

The Bridgeport half dollars cost $2.00 each and should be ordered from Chas. H. Burlingame, First National Bank and Trust Co., Bridgeport, Conn. These should soon be ready.

The Albany half dollar I have ordered for you.

I have not yet ordered the Roanoke Commemorative half dollars as the order blanks have not been sent out but have notified them to send me blanks and will either look out for you or let you know.

The San Francisco Bay half dollars you had better order. Write Coin Division, San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Celebration, 68 Market St., Room 815, San Francisco, Calif. Two will cost $3.90, one will cost $1.65. I am limited to 6, I think, on this and have already gotten orders for these.

The Lynchburg Sesquicentennial piece I have ordered for you.

The Delaware Swedish Tercentenary I have also ordered for you.

The Elgin commemorative half dollars I have also ordered for you.

The Columbia Sesquicentennial I have not yet ordered as their details have not yet been worked out.

The New Rochelle half dollars I have not yet ordered but will later

and will look after you. If not, will notify you in time.

The Gettysburg pieces are not yet ready and have not ordered them.

This is all that will come out in the immediate future.

I am herewith enclosing half dollars covered in the attached bill.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
ENCL.
REGISTERED

Professor William Campbell
℅ Mrs. Bennett
Margaretville, N. Y.

8/26/36

1 San Diego half dollar	1.55
2 Long Island half dollars @ $1.05	2.10
2 Wisconsin half dollars at $1.53	3.06
2 Cleveland half dollars at $1.56	3.12
2 York County half dollars at $1.56	1.12
	$ 12.95

POST CARD

Rectory and Church of the Sacred Heart
ARKVILLE, CATSKILL MOUNTAINS, N. Y.

Aug 28. 1936

Rev. Dear Mr. Wood. Yours of Aug 26. just received. Glad to know that the Sat Teach christ tells us. very interesting. Thanks for the Dues as kind. my address is Arkville N.Y. Rect Mother sends kind regards

Yours truly

Rev. [illegible]

THIS SIDE FOR MESSAGE

Mr. Howland Wood.
American Numismatic Soc.
156th St & Broadway
New York City

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS

PUBLISHED BY SAMUEL KORN, ARKVILLE, CATSKILL MOUNTAINS, N. Y.

Rectory and Church of the Sacred Heart

ARKVILLE Catskill Mountains N. Y.

Aug 28. To Mrs Bennett Augustville Ind.

Dear Mrs. Wood. Yours of Aug 26 just received. Please hold two Ruth 3rd Sept book about Sept 10. Very much thanks for the Dime asked my answer at once. Kept waiting for cards Sincerely Yours Mrs. Bell

THIS SIDE FOR MESSAGE

POST CARD

Post Cards of Quality. — The Albertype Co., Brooklyn, N.Y.

ARKVILLE
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1936
N.Y.

1 CENT 1

Mr. Howland Wood.
American Numismatic Soc.
156th St & Broadway
New York City

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS

This is my way of greetings and a curious postmark. Thanks for the information about the $1/2. I've ordered the two you didn't get for me. Will settle when I get back to town. Hope Betty the Old Wave you had on Sunday! Regards to everybody

Sincerely

Wm Campbell.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Museum
156th St & Amsterdam Ave
New York City.

October 1, 1936

Professor William Campbell,
School of Mines,
Columbia University,
New York, NY

Dear Professor Campbell:

I am herewith sending you the Lynchburg half dollars. This cost was at the rate of $1.04 each or $2.08 for the pair.

Shall I order the Columbia, S.C. half dollars for you? They cost $6.45 for a set of three, that is, the three mints. Possibly one onn get a Philadelphia Mint by itself at $2.15. This, I understand, pays for postage. If you wish you can order direct as follows:

Treasurer, Columbia Sesqui-Centennial Commission
% Columbia Chamber of Commerce
Columbia, S. C.

Only let me know as soon as possible as I am going to order these within the next day or so.

Very truly yours,

Curator

hw ks
encl.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL
39 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
UNIVERSITY 4-6142

Oct 5. 1936.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Herewith check for the Lynchburg $1/2 $.
for which many thanks.

Hope you will order all you can for me
but me know those you cannot get &
where I shall apply for them. But
I do think this Commemorative Coin
business is being turned into a racket.

Best wishes & regards

Yours Sincerely

W. Campbell